

# THE BROOKS COIN

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Martin, third Captain calls every man under arms to join the colors.  
At noon Frederick made his way to the castle. The military forces of both countries were making ready for a struggle which would soon begin. At a moment when he was about to mount a horse which stood off to one side, a soldier who had been sent to him by the King, called out that his service was finished. He rode to the deep voice of Martin of Grottoffen.

"Ladon," he cried, "you may have some new forces for us both. There is no room—no place for us here." "Yes, lad," he said, "the answer now is war and not half heart. We could join the two sides." "I am not yet," he explained, "but I have it in my power to make you so." "I know the reading of both of these. I have the reading of both of the torture chamber."

"Now, to the last living place of safety we go." Count Frederick led them up through the snow and darted around the peasant houses. He knew which way peasant would go and gave them directions to safety.

The road was narrow, but Frederick, himself surprised, came upon him suddenly. The two stood for half an instant, facing each other.

The next moment Count Frederick found his back to the impact of another man. The three struggled together.

Frederick felt the hands of his new enemies. They were wearing armor and were wearing and refused that he also at the moment which was exhausted. At least the conflict would be more even now.

But they were more than match for him. Count Frederick felt an arm around him. He saw almost start from his road. His left hand struck him in the chest, driving him to the ground. He himself unable to resist the joint attack of these two deadly men.

A moment later he heard the heavy steps of the torturer behind him. He was locked in the torture chamber of Grottoffen.

It was not often in his modified life that Michael had so full warrant to give rein to his impulse. He had not noted the absence of Sachio or Ladislaw. After a time his attendants, hastening, told him that a woman had come to be admitted, whom he was anxious which came to him now above all others.

"Admit her at once, yes—why do you delay?"

She came before him now, pale, almost trembling. She had come hither in search of the man on whom even the King must rely.

"Whom do you mean?" Michael asked, reply to her questions. "Count Sachio?"

"Count Sachio? Was he here, Your Majesty?"

"Yes, here. He was here twice or once—I know not how many times. But now you are here, mademoiselle, and that is enough. My Majesty demands that you be admitted."

He advanced toward her. The terror upon his puffed face gave her swift disgust as well as terror. With no purpose whatever as he stumbled forward she fled from the room—fled she knew not where.

Without much plan, Kitty turned toward the interior of the palace and down the long hall which before that time she had explored. Something told her that Frederick, if he were here in the palace now, had passed that way.

The torture chamber—that dread abode of death there to look for him—she did go there, on rapidly along those passageways which she had learned before. Through the last deep sunken tunnel which led to the door of the torture chamber itself she passed alone, trembling with fear, and yet resolved.

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(To be continued.)

## Autumnal Art Shows Begin Well At the Montross

The premier autumnal exhibition at the Montross Gallery, No. 550 Fifth Avenue, began to-day and will continue until Oct. 23. The catalogue contains seventy numbers, delightfully hung, and includes oil paintings, drawings, pastels and water colors.

Modern pictures of the show, Thomas H. Benton, in his "Figure Organization," exemplifies this in his rendering of a striking color study that contemplates a group of athletic nudes that are both primitive and contorted. The charm of the picture lies altogether in its color scheme and its novelty.

The "After Dinner Speaker," by Guy Pore Du Bois, presents a clever characterization of this modern development. The right hand of the speaker holds a black cigar and is

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